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A Warning to all sorts of people who live in sin and uncleanness, For the wicked must be turned into hell, and all that forget God: And who are workers of iniquity are accursed from Christ: for saith he, *Go ye cursed, ye workers of iniquity into utter darkness.*

I Am the light of the world, and enlightens every one that cometh into the World: Christ hath enlightned every one that comes into the World; thou that lovest that light, which Christ hath enlightened thee withal, thou brings thy works to the light, that thy deeds may be proved that they are wrought in God; and he that walks in the light, there is no occasion of stumbling in him, it teacheth righteousness and holiness, it will keep thee from lying, nor let thee lie, and keep thee in tenderness of conscience towards God and man, and never let thee swear, it will check thee if thou dost; the light will not let thee take Gods name in vain, it will let thee see if thou dost, thou must not go unpunished; so will never let thee follow drunkenness, nor vain company, for who lives in that nature, are without God, and shall never inherit the kingdom of God; therefore beware, this light will keep thee from adultery & whoredom, for such will God Judge; & the light will keep thee from theft, quarrelling and fighting, and abusing thy self with mankind

kind, and envy, and will keep thee in the fear of God, this light which is of God, and let thee see all the workes of the world, and draw thee out of the worships of the world, and keep thee in the fear of God; where the true wisdom is made manifest: the pure wisdom is made manifest to the pure, & put into the pure heart, and then thy own wisdom thou wilt see with the light arising out of the earthly part in thee; which wisdom is sensual, and deviliſh and earthly; for while there is enviousnes in thee, there lodgeth the manslayer, and all the wisdom is from below, while that nature stands: there's Sects, & there's Opinions, and there conceivings ariseth out of this earthly part, where lodgeth this wisdom, and self conceit, and pride, and by this wisdom the living God is not known, and so all who dwells in this wisdom put the *Letter* for the word, and give meanings and expositions upon it, and so gathers together with the outward *Letter*, not having the power and life that gave it forth; so theres castles builded, and strong holds and fenced cities, and high walls, as the *Jews*, who had the outward form of that which was given forth from the power, the form of the Prophets, and *Moses*, and *David*, and *Abraham*, who saw Christ, who lived in the power, but the *Pharisos* and the priests getting their words knew not Christ; so it is now with this generation of the world: for you say, ye know Christ: the *Jews* said, they were of *Abraham*, the same; so they had gotten the *letter*, and other words which had the power & all these are but imitations and likenesses which are above, lifted up above the pure, & here lodgeth the Serpent in this earthly part: but as the eternal light which Christ hath enlightened you withall is loved, minded, & taken heed unto, this earthly part is wrought out, the daily cross is taken up, the fear of the Lord grows, the true Wisdom increaseth, the errors of the wicked are discovered and made manifest, the uniust comes to suffer, the just comes to reign the wisdom of the world comes to be confounded, then the heathen begin to rage, then tumults arise. And dweling in the light, all Sects, and all Opinions, and Religions are discovered, and stand naked before the Lord, and before all who are of God, and seen with the eternal eye, which all ariseth out of the earthly part, and the earth is but one, and all they do raise their

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ground from the *Lawes*, which is given forth from the power. Now the power dwelling in it, in the eternal light, all Sects and Opinions come to be judged & overturned, & seen to be chaff, & is to be burned with that which cannot be quenched, for the light is but one, which is Christ who enlighteneth every one, & all are enlightened with one light, every one taking heed to that light which Christ hath enlightned you withal, it leads you out of Sects, out of form, out of the beauty of the world, to live in life and power: and waiting in the light which Christ hath enlightned you witha', you come to be Disciples of Jesus Christ, and servants to the truth, and not to serve the lusts, nor the desires, nor Pleasures, but the light it judgeth them: for serving the desires & the lust, thou turns into the beastly nature in the world, and into the flesh, and comes to be darkned and vailed, then thy throat is an open Sepulcher, that thou drinkest up iniquity as it were water: but dwelling in the light, it judgeth all that; & all thy works, and actions come to be judged by that light, and all walking in this light which Christ hath enlightned you with, you all walking in unity and oneness of mind, and lay away all guile, sin, and uncleanness, and all taught to fear the Lord God: and it will lead you to the Church of God, from the Church in the world, & from your Teachers, to cease from men to be taught alone of God, who teacheth eternal things eternally; and leads the mind up out of external things: and dwelling in the light, there's no occasion at all of stumbling for all things are discovered with the light: thou that lovest it, here's thy teacher, when thou art walking abroad, its present with thee in thy bosom, thou need not to say, *Lo here, or Lo there*: and as thou lie'st in thy bed its present to teach thee & judge thy wandring mind which would wander abroad, and thy high thoughts and imaginations, and makes them subject; for following thy thoughts thou art quickly lost: dwelling in this light, it will discover to thee the body of sin, & thy corruptions, and all estate where thou art, and multitude of thoughts: in that light which shews thee all this, stand; neither go to the right hand, nor to the left: here's patience exercised, here's thy wo subjected, here thou wilt see the mercies of God made manifest in death, here thou wilt see the drinkings of the Water of *Shiloah*, which runs softly, and

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the Promises of God fulfilled, which are to the seed, which seed is Christ: there thou wilt find a Savior, & the election thou wilt come to know, & the reprobation, & what is cast from God and what enters: he that can own me here, and receive me into his heart the immortal seed is born up, and thy own will thrust forth, for it is not him that willeth, nor him that runneth, but the election obtaineth it, and God that shews mercy: for the first step of peace is to stand still in the light, which discovers things contrary to it for power and strength to stand against that nature which the light discovers: here grace grows, here's God alone glorified and exalted, and the unknown truth, unknown to the world, made manifest, which draws up that which lies in the prison, and refresheth it in time, up to God, out of time, through time.

Whom God loves he loves to the end, where the eternal unity is, where is all peace, all cleane, no jarre who are all of one mind, hid from the worlds wisdom, knowledge, and comprehension, and thoughts can never enter, as it is written, *The world by wisdom knows not God*, and he is coming to confound the wisdome of the wise. And the Church in God, is, not in imitation, gathered from the *Letter*, and a high-flown people in their imaginations but are them who are born again of the immortal Seed, by the word of God, which lives and endures for ever, which the world knows not; for the word cuts asunder, hews down all wickedness, corruption, Pride, and honour of man; that all the honor and glory may be given alone to God; he hews down the first, that he may establish the second, and raise up the second; and the word of the Lord is a fire, burns up all the corruptions, burns up all that he has hewn down, and as a hammer to beat down that nothing can stand it; and this is the word by which the Saints are born again, you are born again by the immortal Word, which lives and endures for ever, and feeding upon the milk of the word, which Word is God which Word became flesh, & dwelt among us; so he is the Head of the Church, and they are lively stones; but all you now, who put the Letter for the Word, and have gotten it in your minds and gathered Assemblies by it; this you cannot witness, and is it blasphemy for you to say, the Letter is the word, when

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the Letter saith, God is the Word; and it is a lie to speak and say, the Steeple-house is the Church: or to say, them that are gathered by the form of the Letter, is the Church of God: for the Church is the Pillar and Ground of Truth, gathered by the Eternal Power before Letter was; and all who are in this Church, as it is called of the world, and are in the comprehension of the Letter, and the earthly part yet standing, there is devilishness in your minds, and earthliness, and pride, and filth; and do but hearken to that in thy conscience, and it will let thee see so; and while that is standing, such sacrifice God accepts not; and prayers, while the nature is standing, God accepts not, which is *Cains*, which God has no respect to, but to *Abels*: and God is coming to judge the great Whore, all manner of Opinions, and all manner of Sects and Fellowships as you call them; all manner of Forms, several, as every one lives in, God is coming to overturn and overthrow, for they all lodge in her; all the foundation of them is in the earth, and earthly wisdom, gathered in the earthly nature; he will overturn them, that he may establish his own truth, his own truth in righteousness, his own kingdom. Now the stone cut out of the Mountain without hands, begins to strike at the feet of the Image, that the head of Gold begins to fall: and the Breast of Silver, and Thighs of Brass, and Feet part Iron, and part Clay, & his Dominion is a Dominio for ever over all. And all who dwells not in this light which Christ hath enlightened you withal, you will be found too light, for he is coming to weigh all things in this balance; & before him the hills shall move & the mountains shall melt, & the rocks shall cleave who measures the waters in the hollow of his hand, and his thunders begin to utter their voyces, that the mysteries of God may be opened, and the carnal hearts (for great Earthquakes shall be, the terrible day of the Lord draws neer, the Beast shall be taken, and the false Prophet, into the fire they must go, for the Beast and the false Prophet hath gone together, the one has holden up the other. Now is the Lord coming to sit as judge, and reign as King, who is the Lawgiver which shall go forth of *Zion*. Now shall *Zion* arise and threshe the hills, and threshe the Mountains, now is the Sword drawn, which glitters and is fourbished, the Sword of the Al-

mighty, to hew down *Baal's* Priests, corrupt Judges, corrupt Justices, corrupt Lawyers, fruitless trees which cumber the ground. Drunkard, thou canst not hide thy self: Cursed speaker, thou canst not hide thy self: Whoremonger, thou canst not hide thy self. Awake, awake all people every where who live in forms, see what ye possess: not having that eternal spirit that gave forth the Scriptures; all your formal Prayers, formal Preaching, formal Singing, will be found as the chaff, which is for the unquenchable fire; for Christ is risen, the true light shines, the glory of the Lord appears, and you are discovered to him, to be empty of that eternal Spirit to be born up in your understandings, which gave forth the Scriptures. I am the light which enlighteneth every one, that light you hate, and all who hate this light, set up Teachers without them, but all who love this light in is of God, and teacheth to God, which is a cross to all the world, and this light is in every one, waiting in it to receive Christ; and as many as receive Christ, to them he gives power to become the sons of God, which are not born of the will of man, nor by the will of man, but by the will of God: but these are them who are out of imitations, and have no Images, nor no likeness of truth, but are in it, and possess it: Glory, glory to the Lord God for ever, who governs his people, and is the head of the Church: Christ is the head of the man, God is the head of Christ, he that can receive this if he had not known the Letter let him: he is come before the Letter was written. *In the beginning was the word.*

To all you that hate the light, your deeds are evil. Christ saith, *He is the light of the world, and enlighteneth every one that comes into the world*: The one he loves the light, and brings his works to the light, and walks in it, there is no occasion of stumbling in him: The other he hates the light, and will not bring his works to the light to be made manifest, because his deeds are evil, and the light will reprove him. Thou that saith, this light is natural, thou art a blasphemer; and thou that saith, Christ doth not enlighten every one that comes into the world, thou art a lyar, and denier of Christs words, and lays waste the Scripture: and thou that saith, this light is natural, thou puts the Letter for the light, which

is natural; true it is, darkneſs cannot comprehend this light, but the light makes manifeſt darkneſs, and this is the condemnation of the world, the light: thou that hateſt this light, thou haſt it. Chriſt ſaith *Swear not at all* the light will ſay the ſame to thee, in thee. Chriſt ſaith, *He that luſteth after a Woman, committeth adultery with her in his heart*: This light will tell thee the ſame, bringing thy works to it, and loving it. Chriſt cryed woe againſt the Phariſee, the Hypocrite; this light will let thee ſee the ſame. Chriſt will ſay, *Go ye curſed* workers of iniquity, this light will ſay the ſame to thee; in thee, who art a worker of iniquity; there ſhalt thou be condemned with light, and judged with the light out of thy own mouth; this light will let thee ſee all thy hard ſpeeches, thy venomous thoughts, thy evil intentions, and covetous deſires, which is Idolatry, and diſſembling and deceit, to be works of darkneſs, and let thee ſee that all thoſe things are evil; there thou haſt learned thy condemnation, there is thy teacher, that would teach thee to know God, there is thy condemnation, hating that light, it will condemn thee from him: Thou wilt ſay, Thou knoweſt in thy conſcience that drunkenneſs is ſin, here thou loveſt darkneſs rather than the light that ſhews it thee, and lying, and ſwearing, and curſed ſpeaking is ſin, and yet thou followeſt it, and pleaſures; there thou loveſt darkneſs rather then the light that ſhews thee them, becauſe thy deeds are evil, and there thou haſt learned thy condemnation, when Gods righteouſneſs ſhall be revealed in flames of fire, thou ſhalt witneſs I ſpeak truth. Thou knoweſt theft is ſin, and all unrighteouſneſs God forbids, thou wilt ſee ſomething in thy conſcience tells thee ſo; if thou hearken to that, it will exerciſe thy conſcience, and bring thee to repentance. Chriſt ſaith, *I call ſinners to repentance*, that in thee calls thee to repentance, and if thou hearken to that, thou hearkens to Chriſt, and if thou hate that, thou hates Chriſt, and God, then thou turns into the ſorcery, into all uncleanneſs, and then God is not in thy thonghts, and then thou art the diſobedient one, which diſobeys the light which God hath enlightned thee with, and there the wrath of God abides on thee, and the Prince of the air rules in thee, as he doth in all the children of

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disobedience, who hates this light. Now do not think that I hold free-will here, mans free-will, I speak of that which is contrary to mans will, and loving the light it will keep your wills from running, and your wills from willing any thing, and keeps it in subjection; but thou that hates this light, and makes a profession of God and Christ, and sayest, the Letter, is the word, and the four Books, *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke*, and *John*, is the Gospel, thou knowest not Christ, which is glad tidings, the Lamb of God, *which takes away the sins of the world*; for the letter takes not away sin; and thou that sayest thou had not come to repentance, if thou had not known the letter thou denyest Christ, who comes to call sinners to repentance before letter was, but it is he that calls to repentance sinners, & not the letter, but the letter is a declaration of the word, the *husk*, God is the Word; and it is a declaration of the light, Christ is the light, & it is a declaration of the Spirit; but the Spirit is not in it; a declaration of power, but the power is not in it; the power, and the life and the light, was in them that spoke it forth, which ever the world hated; therefore waiting in the light, which Christ hath enlightned you with, that's Scripture within you, and that will open the Scriptures according as you grow in the light, the Saints conditions as you are sanctified, and as you are cleansed and made free with the Son of God, for it is he that maketh free: Who are made free from sin, from the world, are made free by the Son of God; and Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath raised him from the dead, and by him raised us up from the dead.

And to you that tempt God, and say the Lord give us a sight of our sins: Priests and people, does not the light, which Christ hath enlightned you with, let you see your sin, that lying, and swearing, cursed speaking, theft, murder, and whoredom, and covetousness, and pride, and lust, and pleasures, all these to be the works of flesh, and fruits of darkness? this light within you lets you see it, so you need not tempt God to give you a sight of your sins, for ye know enough; and waiting in the light, power and strength will be given to thee: for they that wait upon the Lord, their strength shall be renewed; and living in the light, and walking up to God, it will bring you to

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true hunger and thirst after righteousness, that you may receive the Blessing from God: And give over tempting of God, to give you a sight of your sins. And to all ye that say, God give us grace, and we shall refrain from our sin, there ye have got a tempting customary word, for the free grace of God hath appeared to all men; and this is the grace of God, which shews thee ungodliness & wordly lusts. Now thou that liest in ungodliness, lying, and swearing, and theft, and murther, & drunkenness, and filthy pleasures, and lusting after the world, thou art he *that turns the free grace of God into wantonness, and casts his laws behind thy back* and walkest despightfully against the Spirit of grace; here the Scriptures is fulfilled upon thee, Oh vain man! yet thou canst say, God is merciful. He is merciful & just, and that shalt thou see, when destruction comes upon thee; for thou canst say, God is merciful; yet lives in thy wickedness, passing on thy time without fear of God, sporting thy self in thy wickedness. Oh ye covetous proud Priests! which deceives the Nations, who mind earthly things, whose God is your belly, who glory in your shame, enemies of the Cross of Christ, your destruction is coming, that ye shall not make a prey upon the people any longer; *the Lord hath spoken it.*

Oh ye great men, and rich men of the earth! weep and howl, for your misery is coming, who heaps up treasure for the last day, your gold and silver shall eat you up as the rust and the canker; the fire is kindled, the day of the Lord is appearing, a day of howling will be amongst your fat Bulls of *Bashan*, that all the Cedars and strong Oaks must be hewen down, and all the loftiness of men must be laid low, then shall the Lord alone be exalted.

The free grace of God is the Saints teacher, which teacheth them to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live righteously and godly, like God, in this evil present world, denying all the worlds lusts, and worlds waies, and worlds teachers, and works of darkness, which grace is turned into wantonness, by those who follow the course of the world, and the works of darkness, drunkenness, and uncleanness, and such are they who cannot abide sound doctrine, which heaps up teachers, having itching ears. And all who turns this grace of God into wantonness,

deny it to teach them, and they live in their worldly lusts and ungodliness. Oh how doth the Land mourn because of oaths? Oaths are heard in the streets openly belched forth. Oh how doth the pride and haughtiness of men and women abound, scarce know how to walk in the streets? O how doth oppression and Tyranny rule, that the cries of the poor are entred into the ear of the Lord of Sabbaths? Oh how doth drunkenness and drunkards walk abroad in the streets, which devours the Creatures? The Lord is rising, surely he will be avenged of all his Adversaries. He is come to sweep the Land of evil doers, that the earth shall yield her increase, and the Land enjoy her Sabbaths: And he will sit a Judge, and righteousness shall run down our streets, and God alone be magnified and glorified, to whom it alone belongs for ever. Oh how doth all the Creation groan under this bondage of corruption? the Lord is pouring out his Spirit upon all flesh, that his Sons and daughters may prophesie up and down this great City, & none shall make them afraid, crying for Justice, crying for Righteousness, crying for Equity: for the cry of the great Whore is come up before the Lord, who is adulterated from the truth: they who hate this light, hate Christ which is the husband, and goes from him: they who love the light, have the Husband which is Christ, but the Judgement of the great Whore is come, who made all Nations to drink of the cup of her Fornication, who must drink of the cup of the indignation of the wrath of God, poured out without mixture, who must have it filled double; Rejoyce, all ye prophets and holy men of God, triumph in glory: sing aloud praise to the Lord God almighty and Omnipotent, who is come to reign: rejoyce over the world, over the false prophets, over the beast, over the whore, which is adulterated from the light, & tells all her lovers that the light is natural, and so denies the husband Christ Jesus, & lives in Fornication: but all who loves the light, and walks in the light, witness Jesus Christ to be the husband, & this light to be spiritual. Now she is convinced of her adultery, of her witchcraft, of her sorcery, and that which doth convince her is the light which Christ hath enlightned her with, & this is her condemnation. And now the judgement of the great whore is

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come, God will be avenged on her, who has drunk the blood of all his Saints, who dwelt in the light, and loved the light.

All who hate this light, they set up to be their light, such as are called of Men Masters, have the chief places in the Assemblies, stand making long Prayers, lay heavy burthens upon the people, which devour widows houses, the widow has not a husband, all are widows, who are devoured of such; but who loves the light which Christ hath enlightned them with, it joyns them to Christ & then they witness him to be their husband, and such are not devoured of them. And who hate this light, hold up them who bear rule by their means, which *Jeremy*, who dwelt in the light, was sent to cry out against. And they that hate this light, hold up them that cry for their gain from their quarter, & never have enough; which *Isaiah* who dwelt in the light was sent to cry out against. And they that hate the light go after the error of *Balaam*, and hold up such who love the wages of unrighteousness; and all who hate this light have the spirit of error; and they that dwell in the light, know the spirit of error & what the spirit of error follows; and all who hate this light, hold up the hirelings that *Micha* cryed against; and such as call for the Fleece, and cloath themselves with the wool, that *Ezekiel* cryed against, who was the light & full of the pirit. Now where the same light is made manifest, as was in the Prophets which saw *Christ* the light; & the *Apostles* in the same light, which gave forth the Scripture, all the Scripture is witnessed; and here we are grounded upon the Prophets, upon the *Apostles* & *Christ* the Corner-stone, in the eternal light, by which we see the Priests bear rule by their means now, and seek for their gain from their Quarters now, and are greedy dumb Dogs now, nay worse then *Balaam*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, but durst not take it; but these sue men at the Law for it: worse then *Simon Magus*, who would have bought the spirit, but these sell the letter: this corrupt doctrine hath long reigned, but now is made manifest, & in this light we see the hirelings that preach peace, but he that puts not in their mouths, they prepare war against him, and by which light, we see teachers who profess they are sent of *Christ* to be in the seat of the Scribes and Pharisees, and are called of

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men Masters, and have the chifest places, going in their long robes, love salutations in the Markets, have the uppermost seats at Feasts, and under pretence making long Prayers, devouring widows houses, which Christ cryeth woe against, and such we cannot own as sent of Christ, nor hold up, for if we should, we should deny the Scriptures, and hold up that which Christ forbids; and if we should hold up them who rule by their means, we should deny *Jeremiah* to be a true Propher, who cryeth against such; and if we should hold up such as cry for gain from their quarter, we should deny *Isaiah*, who was sent to cry against such: and if we should hold up such as go for gifts and rewards, who love the wages of unrighteousness, we should deny the Apostle, who cried against such; for the same light is manifest, praised be the Lord God, by which they are seen and cannot be owned, but must be denied, as they were by the Prophets, by Christ, by the Apostles; and if we should hold up such that say, Revelations are ceased, we should deny the Son, as they do, for none knows the Father but the Son, and he to whom the Son reveals him: and so we deny those to know any thing of Christ, or to be sent of Christ, which deny the Son, and deny Revelations; for the Apostle, which was a Minister of God, he was not a Minister of Christ, till the Son was Revealed in him, and then he Preached him, and Preached the kingdom of God, so all who deny Revelations deny the Son and the Father both, and lives in their imaginations, of the Letter: And the Apostle exhorts the Saints to have the loins of their minds girded up, and hope to the end, for the grace that was to be brought to them at the Revelation of Jesus Christ; now he was a Minister, and did exhort to wait for the Revelation of Jesus Christ: but now thou that denies Revelations dost declare thy self openly, to be no Minister, and raceth thy self out from among the Ministers of Christ, and thou goest in the waies of *Cain*, thou art raced out from *Abel*, for in thy heart lodgeth Persecution, and thy mouth utters it, and thy hands Acts it. And you that speak a Divination of your own heart, are raced out from them who speak from the mouth of the Lord; for the Prophets of the Lord cried out ever against such, and so they do now: and ye that seek for gain from

from your quarter, are they that are raced out from the true Prophets of God; they cryed out against you, and the same light cries out against you now, otherwise the Prophets should be made of none effect, for they spoke forth freely and so they do now that speak forth the same light; the light is free; which hath enlightened every one that comes into the world; thou that hates it, has learned thy condemnation; it lets thee see all the evil deeds of thy heart. And the Gospel is free to every creature, not to be bought and sold for money: Oh shameless men, that tell People the Letter is the Word, and buy and sell it for money, which is but a Declaration of the Word, and the Grace is free, which hath appeared to all men, which is the Saints teacher, and you need not have any teacher if you own the Grace, which shews your ungodliness and worldly lusts, this Grace will teach you to deny it, and the light which hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, there's every one of your condemnation in particular that hates it; and there's every one of your teachers that loves it: which is but one, and will open all the Figures, and the Parables and Types to you: and waiting in it, it will guide you to God, there is your teacher: there is your condemnation: every one of you shall eternally witness me. To that which exerciseth your conscience do I speak, for now the mighty day of the Lord is coming, meet him, by putting off your works of darkness. God that made the world and all things in it, dwels not in Temples made with hands, neither will be worshipped with mens inventions: but *Israel*, when he had forgotten his Maker, builded Temples; and *Judah* builded fenced Cities: but the Lord will send a fire to devour them, and all your Songs shall be turned into Mourning, the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Oh then, all ye that professe, see that you possess: and professe no more, than you are.

All who stumbles at the light are without, and are not come to repentance, and so all who stumbles at the light, stumbles at repentance: All who stumbles at the light, stumbles at the door, the door is known by the light which comes from Christ: And all who stumbles at the light, stumbles at the way;

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for *Christ* hath enlightned every one, that with the light he might see the way (which is *Christ*) to the Father. So all who stumbles at the light, stumble at the Scriptures, and not know the meaning of them; for that eye that is turned from the light, is the blinde, & leads into the ditch, and is to be condemned with the light from *Christ*: and all who stumbles at the light, never knew Hope which purifies, nor Faith which purifies, nor the belief which overcomes the world; but he walks in darkness, and doth not know whither he goes, and the Children of light which dwells in the light, to him their condition is unknown, for he hates that which they walk in: So with that he is condemned, and to you all this is the word of God; and all who stumbles at the prophets words, and cannot understand the words of them, spoken from the light which in them was; and all who stumbles at the light, stumbles at the Apostles words, which were declared from the light which was made manifest in all Consciences which ministred to the Spirits in Prison: So all who stumbles at the light, they are to be condemned with the light from the life of the Prophets and Apostles, which dwelt in the light with the rude wicked world. And here every one shall witness his condemnation just, and see it just, with the light which shews him his evil deeds, and *Christ* word true, and to own his condemnation.

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To all that denies that light that enlightens the conscience to be the light of Christ, and all who say that light which enlightens the conscience is natural, *Isaiah* the 5, and 20. and to all the builders that denies the Corner-stone.

2. *HOw is Christ the light of the world, and how doth he enlighten every one that comes into the world,* John 8.12. John 1.9
if it be not in the conscience?

2. *How doth the spirit of Christ reprove the world of sin of righteousness and of Judgement, if it be not in the Conscience?* Joh. 16.8. Joh.16.13

3. *How doth the spirit of Christ guide into all truth, and shew things to come, if it be not within in the conscience?* Isa.59.13.

4. *How are all the Children of God taught of God, if it be not by the light of God in the conscience, and how do they heare his voyce, if not in soule and spirit within?* Joh.6.45. 1 Cor. 2. 14

5. *How that can be said to be a naturall light which bears witness to God in that which is Holy, and against all the natural Inclinations of falne man, seeing the Scripture saith; The natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God.* Joh.1.9.

6. *If that be a natural light whch enlightens the conscience of every one, and manifests the deeds of darkness, sin, and evil in them, and that they are fallen from God, and in them dwells no good thing, then wherein doth Christ enlighten every one that comes into the world, and how do you distinguish of that natural light, from the light of Christ, by their several operations?*

7. *How Christ is given for a light to the Gentiles, who had not the Letter, and whether that was not the light of Christ which shewed them the law of God written in their hearts, who had not the law without, by which light they did the things contained in the law: and whether any light*

lead to do the things contained in the law, but the light of Christ?

8. How is the Gospel of Christ Preached to every creature under Heaven, if it be not the principle of light in the Conscience, it being that many never come to read or heare of the Scriptures?

9. If that which accuseth or excuseth, and so is Judge in the conscience, be a natural light, then all Judgment is not committed to the Son; but you set up another Iudge in the conscience before him?

10. If that be a natural light which Checks and bears Rule in the conscience, then is not Christ alone King in the conscience, but another Ruler is set up before Christ be owned?

11. If that be a natural light which excuseth, and so gives peace in the conscience, then you set up a peace before Christ come: and here you deny him to be the foundation and Prince of peace.

12. If that be a natural light which shews the way towards God in the conscience, reproves the untoward wayes, then is not Christ alone the way to the Father, but you set up another way before him?

13. If that, by which all shall be Judged and condemned, be any outward teaching from the letter, or by man; then by what was the Gentiles condemned, who had not the law, letter, nor outward teaching, and yet was to perish, not doing the things contained in the Law?

14. Is there any other thing that convinceth of unbelief, but that which convinceth of sin in the conscience, seeing Christ saith, he shall convince the world of sin, because they believe not in me?

15. If there be something in the conscience naturally which is light, then how is it that the Scripture concludes all

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to be Children of darkneſs who are in their natural eſtate, and have not received the light of Chriſt, and how is Chriſt ſaid to give light to them that ſit in darkneſs?

16. Whether in the Scriptures do you find any light that Convinceth the conſcience but the light of Chriſt, which ſhews the Law of God in the heart, and the Breath of it?

17. Is not that good which beareth witneſs in the conſcience againſt all evil? which if it be, and be not the light of Chriſt, but a natural light, then man is not wholly fallen, but there is ſomthing good in man before Chriſt come? Mat. 19. 17.

18. How Chriſt is tendred a Covenant of the Father freely to every creature, if it be not in the conſcience: & if he be not tendered to every creature, then what ſhall be the Condemnation or Salvation of thoſe to whom he was never tendred, and how it will ſtand with the Impartiall God to tender Chriſt to ſome and not to others: and to condemn for unbeliefe, thoſe to whom the light of Chriſt was never tendred: and how ſuch can be ſaid to be unbelievers? Gen. 9. 9. 10. John 3. 18. 19.

19. And now you that talke of a natural light & a ſpiritual light, Produce one Scripture that ſpeakes of a natural light. But you who ſee with a natural light, eye and mind not that in the conſcience, are Ignorant of this ſpiritual light; for darkneſs cannot comprehend the light, though it ſhine in it. And here all you who denies Chriſt to be the light of the world, are ſeen to all who have the light, to be children of darkneſs, and are in that generation who hate the light, and put light for darkneſs and darkneſs for light, and here you are ſhut out of the Scriptures, And the woe is to you. And the true light you deny, by which the Saints have Judged, and have been guided in all ages; and you cannot Judge of the things of God, nor his people. John 1. 5. Iſa. 5. 20.

To all who denies the teachings of God in Spirit, and would keep people in the teachings of men from the Letter, ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1. WHat and where that *new Jeruſalem* is, *which came down from Heaven, in which there is no night, neither needs it light of Sun, Moon, or candle, but the*
Rev. 21. *Lord God is the light thereof: and into which ſhall in no wiſe enter any thing that defileth, worketh abhomination, or maketh a lye, but whoſe names are written in the Lambs Book of life?*

2. *What & where that* Zion *is to which all Nations ſhall*
Iſa. 2. *flow, where the Lord ſhall teach of his waies, and from whence the Law of God and his word ſhall go forth; after which they*
Micah. 4. *ſhall learn war no more, but ſhall ſay, Come let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

3. *What and where that Covenant is wherein the Lord*
Jer. 31. *will write his Law in peoples hearts, and put it in their in-*
Heb. 8. *ward parts: & they ſhall no more teach every on their neighbour and brother; ſaying, Know the Lord, for all ſhall know him from the leaſt to the greateſt: & whether any may expect to come into that Covenant in theſe daies?*

4. *What and where that unction and anointing is, by which the Saints knew all things, and needed not that any ſhould teach them, but as that anointing taught them of all things which was true, and in it was no lye: and whether it be of the ſame effect in theſe daies?*

5. *What and where that comforter is, which doth reprove the world of ſin, of righteouſneſs and of Judgement, and doth guide into all Truths, and ſhews things to come, and ſhews the things of Chriſt, and glorifies him: and whether*

ther that comforter may be expected in these daies?

6. Whether any of the Saints of God may expect, and wait to receive his word from his own mouth immediately, as all the Messengers of God did in all ages: or there must be no word now but the Letter taken out of Books, and which hath been formerly spoken to others? Jer. 23.

7. Whether any may wait for that promise-fulfilling in these daies, That all the children of God shall be taught of God; and whether that teaching be sufficient to salvation, without any humane help or learning from man? Isa. 54. 13. Joh. 6. 45.

8. What and where that Word is that people shall hear behind them, saying, This is the way walk in it, when they turn to the right hand or to the left, and what that Teacher in the midst of them is, which shall be no more in corners: and whether any may expect that word and Teacher in these daies? Isa. 30.

9. What that word of faith is, which needs none to say, Who shall ascend up into Heaven, or into the depth, to fetch Christ from above or below, but which was nigh in the heart, which the Apostles preached to them which had it in their hearts: & whether the same word be not in the hearts of people now, though they mind it not? Deut. 30. 14. Rom. 10.

10. What that voice of Christ is which his sheep knows and how they come to know it from all other voices, and which all that hear it, will no more hear the voice of a stranger, hireling, or thief, but by that voice are brought to follow Christ alone; And whether Christs sheep hear the same voice now, and know it from all false voices? Joh. 6. 10

11. What that way in the wildernesse is, which is called the way to all holiness, which the uncleane shall not pass over but it shall be for the wayfaring men, and fools shall not err therein: in which way the redeemed shall walk, and the ransomed of the Lord shal come up to Zion; And whether any may find that way who are strangers and fools in these daies? Isa. 35.

12. What

1 Cor. 12. 7 12. *What that Miniſtration of ſpirit is, which is given to every one to profit withall; and whether there can be any profiting without it: and whether it be not of it ſelfe an infallible guide in all the waies of God, according to its manifeſtation?*

13. *What and where that worſhip of God in ſpirit and truth is, which God alone ſeeketh to be worſhiped in; and whether any can worſhip in Spirit, but he who is born of the ſpirit; & whether he that is born of the Spirit, needs any guide in that ſpiritual worſhip, but that ſpirit of which he is born, according to its meaſure: and whether ſuch worſhippers have not been, & are now different from all other worſhippers, & therefore hated by them, as in all ages?*

14. *What and where that is which enlightens every one that comes into the world, and is the condemnation of all that loves darkneſs, becauſe of their evil deeds: and whether there be any other condemnation but this Light to all who believe not in it, but hate it?*

15. *What that Law of the ſpirit of life is, which after* Pauls *warfare did ſet him free from the Law of ſin & death; which formerly had led him captive into the Law of ſin, and made him wretched: and whether any now in theſe daies may look to be ſet free by the Law of the Spirit of life from the ſaid wretched condition, who find themſelves in it?*

16. *What that grace of God is which bringeth ſalvation, and hath appeared to all men, and teacheth the Saints to deny all ungodlineſs and worldly luſts? and whether it would not teach all the ſame, if they did not turn it into laſciviouſneſs, and they need no other teacher?*

The Light *in your Consciences, the true Teacher.*

Friends. You that look out at teachers without you, consider what you have been doing all this while, and what you have learned, and you will see your selves to be strangers from the *Covenant* of promise, by which all comes to know the Lord, and need not teach one another: this *Covenant* of peace you are strangers from, who owns not the light, which Christ doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world withal, to teach you. If you have the light which Christ doth enlighten every one with, which shews you sin, and evil, and the deceits of your hearts, and how you have spent your time, and how you spend it, and whom you have served, and whom you do serve; that light is your teacher to teach righteousness, for it is righteous; that light will be your condemnation hating it, and you set up such teachers as hate the light, that are called of men Masters, have the chief places in the Assemblies, which Christ cried woe against, & so doth not own that Christ which the Scripture speakes of, but sets up such as Christ cries wo against: as you may try your Spirits read: *Matth.* 23. If you will own the Scriptures, and if ever you will own God: you must own that light in your conscience which Christ hath enlightned you withal: and if ever you see God, you must see him with that light which Christ hath enlightned your with; for it is the Eye. And if ever you see the Church which is in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, it must be with this Light which Christ hath enlightened you with; but hating this light, you run to the teachers of the world, and worships

worſhipers of this world, and ſo from God and the Church in God, and this light will be your condemtion that hates it. Now if you love this light, it will teach you when you lie in bed, and ſhew you where your heart is, where your treaſure is, and what your thoughts are upon, and all the deceits of your hearts, and bring you to ſtand in the counſel of God, to receive inſtructions from God, and direction how to walk before him; and as this light doth ſhew you ſin, and the deceits of your hearts; ſtand ſtill in the light, and will nothing; but wait for the power of God to ſtand againſt that nature which the light of Chriſt diſcovers in you, and here is your firſt ſtep to peace.

And eternally you ſhall witneſs what is ſpoken: for to that in your conſciences do we ſpeak.

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